Modal Verbs – Test

1.Fill in the boxes with an appropriate modal verb

1 We [ ] hurry. We have plenty of time.
2 You [ ] remember to write the report. The boss will be furious if you forget.
3 The exhibition was free so I [ ] pay.
4 [ ] wear a uniform at your school?
5 We [ ] wait two hours at security and nearly missed our flight.
6 [ ] do a lot of homework when you were at school?
7 I think people who live in flats [ ] have dogs.
8 She's allergic to dairy products so she [ ] eat anything made from milk.

2. Fill in the lines with a suitable modal verb.

1 It isn't a good idea to go swimming after a big meal.
You _____ swimming after a big meal.
2 Was it necessary for them to pay cash?
Did _____ pay cash?
3 The meeting isn't obligatory.
You _____ go to the meeting.
4 It's bad manners to talk loudly on a mobile on a train.
People _____ quietly on their mobile on a train.
5 Lorries are not allowed to go on this road.
Lorries _____ on this road.

3.Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as tyhe first.

1 Officially you mustn't park here – but everyone does.
You aren't _____ here.
2 Put that cigarette out. This is a no-smoking area.
You _____. This is a no-smoking area.
3 I regret losing my temper last night.
I shouldn't _____ last night.
4 You can't take flash photographs in this museum.
Flash photography is _____ in this museum.
5 Wearing a seat belt in the back seat of the car is compulsory.
You _____ in the back seat of the car.
6 Swimming in the lake is strictly prohibited.
You aren't _____ in the lake.
7 Wearing a tie is optional in this restaurant.
You don't _____ in this restaurant.
8 The best thing to do would be to get specialist advice.
You really _____ specialist advice.
9 I must finish the sales report by Friday.
I've _____ by Friday.
10 You don't have to bring your car – we can go in mine.
You _____ – we can go in mine.

4. User a Modal Verb to fill in the lines.

1 A Jessica's looking pleased with herself.
B Yes. She [ ] well in her job interview. (do)

2 A Where's Eve? She said to meet her just outside the tube station.
B I suppose she _____ at the other entrance. (wait)

3 A Harry left work about a quarter of an hour ago.
B Yes, he _____ here soon. It only takes 20 minutes. (be)

4 A How about this dress for your cousin?
B I don't know. I've never seen her in a dress. She _____ it. (not like)

5 A My brother's in his room revising.
B Well, he _____. I can hear him talking on the phone! (study)

6 A Jason isn't answering his phone.
B I'm not sure, but he _____ it at home. He often does that. (leave)

7 A My secretary is off sick.
B Well, she _____ anything serious. I've just seen her playing tennis. (have)

8 A Tony's late for the party.
B Yes. Do you think he _____ about it? (forget)

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